

## **MOBILITY-IMPAIRED/WHEELCHAIRS/ HEARING-IMPAIRED/VISUALLY- IMPAIRED**

Members of the public with special needs should contact the LVHF facility manager (LVHFManager@nrc.gov) in advance to arrange for reasonable accommodations.

## **HEARING ETIQUETTE**

All visitors should be dressed in a manner that is appropriate to a judicial proceeding (e.g., no beach/swim wear). Conversations should be kept to a minimum while a hearing is in session. In addition, there shall be no loud whispering, or newspaper, magazine, or book reading in the hearing room during a session. Everyone should try to be seated before the session begins and remain seated until a recess is called. Anyone needing to enter or leave the room during a session should do so quietly. No media interviews will be conducted in the hearing room.

**Federal Protective Services** is authorized to enforce all requirements and rules. Non-compliance may result in appropriate enforcement action, including but not limited to removing offending items, removing offending persons, and barring offending persons from attending ASLBP proceedings or entering the LVHF.

## **PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING**

- CAT Route 111- Pecos
- CAT Route 112 - Sunset Road

Buses on these routes are scheduled to run at intervals of approximately 30 minutes on weekdays. For more information, visit Citizen Area Transit at

[www.catride.com](http://www.catride.com)

Public parking is not available on the LVHF grounds. Limited parking in the LVHF vicinity is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Vehicles parked in an unauthorized space may be ticketed and/or towed.

## **DIRECTIONS TO LVHF**

The LVHF is located at 3250 Pepper Lane in the Pacific Enterprise Plaza Building 1, which is 0.5 mile from the intersection of S. Pecos Road and E. Sunset Road.

### **FROM LOCATIONS EAST (HENDERSON)**

Take W. Lake Mead Pkwy/NV-164 W, which becomes I-215. Take Exit 4A going north onto S. Pecos Road. Turn right at Pepper Lane.

### **FROM LOCATIONS WEST (PAHRUMP)**

Go southeast on NV-160 toward Las Vegas. Stay on NV-160 (which becomes Blue Diamond Road) past I-15 to NV-604/Las Vegas Boulevard S. Turn left on NV-604/Las Vegas Boulevard S, then turn right on Robindale Road. Turn left at S. Pecos Road. Turn left at Pepper Lane.

### **FROM LOCATIONS NORTH (RENO)**

Take US-95 south toward Las Vegas (which turns into I-515/US-95/US-93 S in Las Vegas). Take Exit 68 for Tropicana Avenue west toward McCarran Int'l Airport. Turn left at S. Pecos Road. Turn right at Pepper Lane.



## **LAS VEGAS HEARING FACILITY**

## **INFORMATION GUIDE**

**Public Entrance & Security  
Screening Processing**  
3250 Pepper Lane  
Las Vegas, Nevada.

**Facility Manager:** LVHFManager@nrc.gov  
**Security:** 702-435-2972

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## **ATOMIC SAFETY AND LICENSING BOARD PROCEEDINGS**

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This brochure provides information and guidance to members of the public who wish to attend an adjudicatory proceeding conducted by an Atomic Safety and Licensing Board (ASLB) at the Las Vegas Hearing Facility (LVHF) concerning license application-related activities of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to construct and operate a high-level waste geologic repository at Yucca Mountain, Nevada.

### **BACKGROUND**

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Through the Atomic Energy Act, Congress created the Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel (ASLBP), whose responsibilities include adjudicating issues relating to civilian nuclear matters. Individuals and entities who are directly affected by any licensing action involving a facility producing or using nuclear materials may submit a request for a hearing to the NRC. When a hearing request is filed, three judges from the ASLBP are generally assigned to a Licensing Board, or ASLB, which evaluates the matter and determines whether the case should proceed to a hearing. The ASLB decides whether the challenger's issues have merit, and whether the license should be authorized. These decisions may be appealed to the NRC Commissioners and, ultimately, to the federal courts.

NRC regulations require that DOE make its documentary material associated with its Yucca Mountain application available to the public at least six months before it submits that application, and that any challenges to this documentation be heard by a Pre-License Application Presiding Officer (PAPO) Board.

In 2004, three judges from the ASLBP were appointed to such a PAPO Board, which is currently handling the pre-license application

proceedings related to document production and discovery.

Prior to any adjudicatory proceedings on the license application itself, the following must occur:

1. DOE files an application to construct a high-level waste geologic repository at Yucca Mountain,
2. the NRC Staff docket the application, and
3. an individual or entity files a hearing request challenging the application, and an ASLB determines the challenge should be heard.

Consistent with NRC policy, evidentiary hearings by an ASLB are generally conducted in the vicinity of the proposed nuclear facility. This allows members of the public who may be most affected by the proposed license to attend the adjudicatory proceeding. Accordingly, the LVHF will be used, when appropriate, by the PAPO Board and other ASLBs assigned to the Yucca Mountain proceeding. When a Board holds its proceedings in the ASLBP's hearing room in Rockville, Maryland, the proceeding will generally be video-streamed to the LVHF so members of the public may attend and observe.

## **PROHIBITED ITEMS**

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All visitors over age 16 must be prepared to display a government-issued picture ID and undergo a security screening upon entering LVHF. Items prohibited from being brought into the LVHF include, but are not limited to: guns, knives, and weapons of any kind; toxic or hazardous substances; aerosol containers; and signs, banners, posters, or displays of any kind. The ASLBP reserves the right to prohibit any other inappropriate items.

**Please note that no storage facilities are available in or around the LVHF. Individuals who arrive with prohibited items will not be permitted to enter the facility.**

## **CAMERAS/AUDIO RECORDING/CELL PHONES/ WIRELESS DEVICES**

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Members of the public may not take still, video, digital, or film pictures or use audio recording devices in the hearing room while a hearing is in session. Cell phones and other wireless communication devices (e.g., BlackBerries) must be turned off or put in vibrate mode while a hearing is in session. Cell phone conversations, text messaging, e-mailing, instant messaging, computer games, or other uses of these devices will not be permitted during ASLB proceedings.

**Exception: Authorized use of laptop computers and wireless devices is permitted by litigants and the media in designated areas.**